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SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS
HONEY

Dear Respondent:

*This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the Bee and Honey Survey. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.*

Sincerely,



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HONEY

NEW MEXICO: Honey production in 2003 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 246,000 pounds compared to 484,000 in 2002. There were 6,000 colonies producing honey in comparison to the 11,000 colonies reported in 2002. Yield per colony averaged 41 pounds, 3 pounds less than the average yield of 44 pounds in 2002. Producer honey stocks were down slightly from 110,000 pounds in 2002 to 108,000 pounds in 2003.

UNITED STATES: Honey production in 2003 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 181 million pounds, up 5 percent from 2002. There were 2.59 million colonies producing honey in 2003, up 1 percent from 2002. Yield per colony averaged 69.9 pounds, up 5 percent from the 66.7 pounds in 2002. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 40.7 million pounds on December 15, 2003, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Selected States and U.S., 2003 ^{1/}

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/}	Average Price Per Pound ^{3/}	Value of Production
	-----1,000-----	----Pounds----	-----1,000 Pounds-----		----Cents----	---1,000 Dollars---
AZ	40	72	2,880	1,123	138	3,974
CA	480	67	32,160	6,432	142	45,667
CO	24	86	2,064	722	138	2,848
FL	210	71	14,910	1,491	135	20,129
GA	52	65	3,380	270	128	4,326
ID	100	46	4,600	1,380	135	6,210
IN	5	56	280	78	159	445
IA	32	59	1,888	868	145	2,738
KS	16	57	912	447	158	1,441
KY	5	48	240	14	164	394
LA	34	90	3,060	275	124	3,794
MI	65	74	4,810	1,732	147	7,071
MN	120	83	9,960	1,892	146	14,542
MO	17	53	901	189	141	1,270
MT	145	66	9,570	1,914	148	14,164
NE	45	74	3,330	1,299	143	4,762
NM	6	41	246	108	116	285
NC	10	44	440	79	190	836
ND	340	87	29,580	6,803	136	40,229
OH	15	50	750	278	143	1,073
OK	3	47	141	69	183	258
OR	42	51	2,142	964	126	2,699
SD	200	70	14,000	2,520	146	20,440
TX	140	67	9,380	1,126	142	13,320
VA	6	37	222	69	169	375
WA	58	56	3,248	942	152	4,937
WV	8	47	376	194	201	756
WI	74	77	5,698	2,678	144	8,205
WY	39	81	3,159	474	140	4,423
Other States	259	65	16,769	4,305	144	24,180
U.S. ^{4/}	2,590	69.9	181,096	40,735	140.4	255,791

^{1/} For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one state were counted in each State. ^{2/} Stocks held by producers. ^{3/} Prices weighted by sales. ^{4/} Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.